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3. [redacted] the above company conducted a political indoctrination summing-up project. Students were first obliged to discuss and review all the political subjects which had been studied during the preceding year. Then the students were requested to select 12 - 13 out of approximately 30 subject matters of the summing-up examination chosen by higher echelon officials. The summing-up examination was held under the direction of the political commander of the 8th Company, (3rd Battalion), who was assisted by each platoon leader.

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4. The subjects and contents of the political indoctrination [redacted] received at the above company areas follows:

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- A. "It is the obligation and honor of youngmen to serve in the People's Armed Forces"; Korea had groaned for approximately half a century under the tyranny of Japan before it was liberated on 15 August 1945 and be able to lead a happy life. The American imperialists, however, wrecked this happy life of the Korean People, and are now fanatically trying to colonize Korea. We, youngmen, should be very proud of the fact that we are able to serve in the People's Armed Forces at such a momentous time.

A total of six (6) hours were spent on this subject: two (2) hours for lectures, another two (2) hours for questioning, and the last two (2) hours for discussion.

- B. "The mission and characteristics of the People's Armed Forces": The mission of the Korean People's Armed Forces is to establish a government of the Democratic People's Republic of a unified Korea. The Korean People's Armed Forces is made up of the sons and daughters of the working people. It is an army of justice, and it will liberate the small and weak nations by fighting against imperialistic nations.

- C. "The necessity of the soldiers' oath": Members of the People's Armed Forces should know thoroughly and memorize the following four (4) items of the soldiers' oaths:

- 1) I hereby solemnly swear, in the name of honorable and great ancestors, that I, as a soldier of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, will carry out my sacred duty for the fatherland, and will be loyal to the fatherland and the democratic people's government until the last moment of my life.

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